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The Immaculate Conception School Memory Book

Celebrating 75 Years of Excellence

1922-1997

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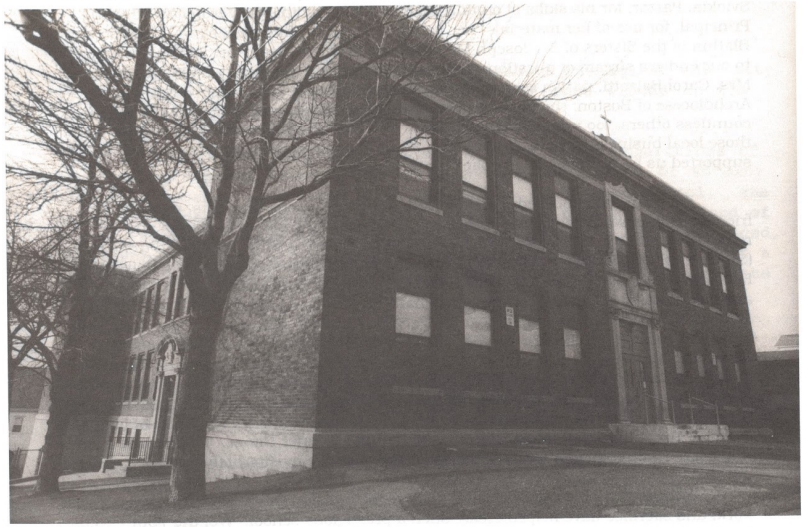
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Acknowledgments

Unlike the history of a college or a secondary school, the story of a grammar school can be quite simple and perhaps scant. The events of such a school are stable, thus allowing for tradition to set in and be carried on for generations to come. In researching the history of the Immaculate Conception School, we have discovered that few archival records exist about the institution. Attendance records do exist from 1921 to the present day. No such things as yearbooks were kept, which would have been helpful in scrolling back through history in order to capture the memories. Therefore, the effort to write a comprehensive history of the School has been an interesting challenge: fitting pieces together and filling in the gaps for the past 75 years.

There are numerous people to thank for assisting the I.C.S. *75th* Anniversary Committee with this memory book, ***"The Story of a Parish School - Immaculate Conception":*** Marilou Favata Cummings *'62*, Chairperson of the *75th* Anniversary Committee, for her persistence, dedication, and eternal optimism; Reverend Edmund J. Sviokla, Pastor, for his skills of organization and leadership; Ms. Veronica Callahan, Principal, for use of her materials, her patience, and her editing; Sisters Therazon and Blathin of the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Archives Department for their answers to our endless stream of questions about the School and the nuns who taught here; Mrs. Carol Balzotti, parish secretary; Mr. Robert Johnson-Lally, Archivist, the Archdiocese of Boston; the librarians at Parlin Memorial Library in Everett, and countless others, too numerous to mention. We extend our deepest appreciation to all those local business owners, city leaders, alumni, parents, parishoners, and friends who supported us by purchasing ad space for this booklet.

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This memory book is dedicated to all those individuals whose faith, vision, hard work, and sacrifice have helped create such a prestigious school. We, the *75th* Anniversary Committee, hope you take the time to read this history. If it sparks your own recollections about your childhood and brings a smile to your face and a warmth to your heart, we have achieved our goal. Welcome to a memory!

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October 1, 1997

The Reverend Edmund J. Sviolka
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Dear Father Sviokla:

It is my great pleasure to extend to the priests, religious and laity of Immaculate Conception School, my prayerful best wishes on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

The faith has taken deep root and has matured among generations of students in Everett through the lives and the sacrifices of so many dedicated persons associated with Immaculate Conception School. The school is close to the heart of the life of the parish. The Word of God is taught; a sense of common purpose and community is experienced, and for generations a love of learning has been experienced. What a beautiful testimony to the goodness of God is the gift of Immaculate Conception School!

It is my prayer, that all who contribute to the operation of this school may dedicate themselves anew to the Lord, and the work of Catholic education. May the vitality of spirit which has marked the last seventy-five years, continue to be strengthened and grow through God's grace.

I pray, in a special way, that the young people might be moved by this celebration to consider what role God expects them to fulfill to further the work that has so wonderfully begun at Immaculate Conception School.

With warm personal regards and asking God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston

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October, 1997

Dear Friends,

As we rejoice on the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Immaculate Conception School, we thank God for the sacrifices made by so many so that we could celebrate this special event.

First and foremost, our thanks go to the Sisters of St. Joseph who staffed the school as its first teachers when the school opened in 1921 and who continue to provide one full time and one part time teacher. All the rest of the faculty and staff at the school today are lay persons. We salute these lay teachers; they have given of themselves in imitation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The school today is on firm ground because of the dedication and sacrifice of religious and lay men and women working together to provide seventy-five years of quality Catholic education.

The school is also flourishing because of the cooperation of the parents of the children who are our students. These parents have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars through a wide variety of fund raisers which are needed to subsidize the tuition payments because tuition alone is insufficient to cover the educational costs of educating each child. Looking back on these fund raisers, I must admit that some of them are very fond memories for me and still bring a smile.

Even with tuition payments and many fund raisers, the efforts of the school parents alone, of course, could not keep the school alive. Our entire parish has reached out, and still reaches out, by generously subsidizing the school budget each year.

The school is truly a parish-wide cooperative effort. This spirit of cooperation is visible everywhere--in the work of the Parents Association and the School Advisory Board, in the quality of the school faculty and administration, in the financial and moral support provided by the wider parish community. We all agree--our parish school is a jewel in our community!

While there have been many changes since I first arrived, I am proud that our school has not only survived, but has flourished and is moving forward to meet the challenges of the present day. Please God, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, that all of us, priests, faculty, parishioners, alumni, parents and students, will work together to meet the challenges of the coming millennium.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Edmund J. Sviokla

(Rev.) Edmund J. Sviokla
Pastor



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September 8, 1997

Dear Graduates and Friends:

The 75th year of Immaculate Conception School has begun !

We, the faculty, staff and students, have recommitted ourselves to our identity as a Catholic, parochial school under the protection of Mary, and to our goal of academic excellence.

We congratulate, salute and thank you for your fidelity to your Alma Mater. It is your fidelity and generosity, joined with that of our families and parishioners over many years, which enable us to provide an environment of faith and excellence for the young people of our parish.

On behalf of Immaculate Conception School community, I assure you of our continued prayer of gratitude. May the Lord bestow His choicest blessings on you and yours.

Gratefully yours,

Veronica Callahan

Veronica Callahan
Principal

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October, 1997

Dear Friends,

It has been my privilege to serve as Chairperson of the wonderful celebrations surrounding the 75th anniversary of the founding of Immaculate Conception School. My heart is full of gratitude to so many who have contributed to this wonderful milestone in the life of our parish school.

On behalf of each of you, I send a heartfelt thank you to:

Ever faithful parishioners of the Immaculate Conception Parish for your very generous financial support for our school for seventy-five years;

Sisters of St. Joseph for your dedication to the excellence of Catholic education;

Parents, past and present, for choosing a quality Catholic education rooted in God's love and the teachings of Jesus;

Alumni Anniversary Committee for your loyalty and participation in the pre-anniversary festivities, fund raisers and this Gala 75th Celebration;

Immaculate Conception School Alumni for your contributions and support for the Annual Fund; and

Father Sviokla for keeping our school alive and for walking thousands and thousands of miles every Wednesday at bingo to raise the funds to help lessen the financial burdens of the parish and the parents who pay tuition for their children.

Thousands of children have walked the hallowed halls of our parish school. Many have gone on to greatness. Some have followed in the footsteps of the religious women and priests whose zeal and love of God invited them into religious life. Others have continued the rich tradition of educating their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren at Immaculate Conception School. All of us, whatever our status in life, have carried a piece of the "Immaculate" in our hearts wherever we have gone and whatever we have done.

May Mary Immaculate, the Mother of Jesus, under whose patronage we were educated, forever keep us safe and lead us to our eternal reward in heaven.

Sincerely,
Marilou Favata Cummings
Marilou Favata Cummings '62

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October 1, 1997

Ms. Veronica Callahan
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Dear Ms. Callahan:

I wish to congratulate you on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Immaculate Conception School in Everett. Such an occasion provides us with an opportunity to consider the impact time has had upon both the school and this city.

Since 1921, when the Immaculate Conception School opened its doors, Everett has seen growth in industry and commerce, as well as a steady increase in population. Throughout this period of expansion and change, the Immaculate Conception School has provided a sense of stability along with quality education to students of varying economic and ethnic backgrounds. Over 4,250 students have graduated from the Immaculate Conception School and have become productive members of our society.

The Immaculate Conception School remains a part of the bedrock of the Everett community as we approach the 21st century. As we look back at the school's many past accomplishments, we can only begin to imagine what the next seventy-five years will bring.

Again, on behalf of the people of Everett, I congratulate you on this very important occasion.

Very truly yours,

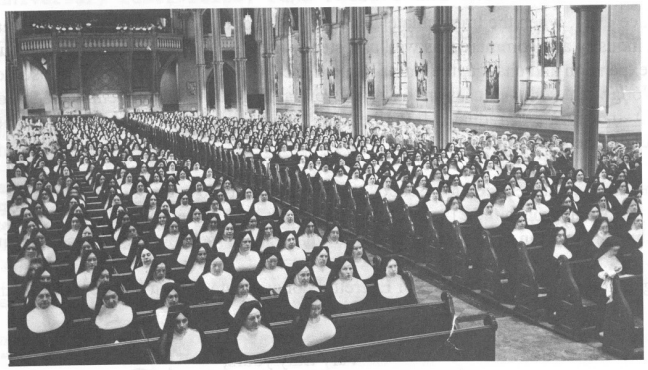
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A Brief History of the Sisters of St. Joseph

In the year 1650 the Daughters of St. Joseph were officially accepted as a religious congregation in LePuy, France. Temporarily disbanded during the French Revolution, it was later reorganized by Mother St. John Fontbonne at St. Etienne in 1808. The origin of the Congregation Sisters of St. Joseph (C.S.J.) in America can be traced from 1836 when six nuns were sent from France to the diocese of St. Louis to establish the first foundation. Eleven years later, in 1847, several nuns met in Philadelphia in order to begin a new mission there. In 1851 the Sisters established a Brooklyn, New York novitiate, which was later transferred to Flushing, New York.

On October 2, 1873, four Sisters from Flushing came to Boston to begin a new mission at St. Thomas Parish, Jamaica Plain. They were Sisters Mary Regis, Mary Clare, Mary Fidelis, and Mary Dolores. In 1876 the Boston mission became independent from New York and Archbishop Williams of Boston canonically erected a novitiate at St. Thomas. Sister Mary Regis, elected the first Superior, became Mother Mary Regis, Foundress of the Boston Congregation. During that same year five postulants were received for the Congregation. After brief moves to St. Agnes Convent in South Boston and Fresh Pond in Cambridge, the Community established its headquarters at Mt. St. Joseph Academy in Brighton.

At one point in its history, the Congregation had about 1,900 members, mostly missioned as teachers in elementary and secondary schools. As of April, 1997, there were almost 800 nuns in the Congregation, about 700 of those still active in the community. The Congregation will celebrate its 125*th* year in the Boston area during 1997-1998.



C.S.J. Jubilee Celebration at Holy Cross Cathedral, Boston, 1952

A Note of Gratitude for the Sisters of St. Joseph

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston have molded the religious and moral character of thousands of children during the past 75 years. The Apostolate of the Sisters has been both a spiritual and academic one as well as an influencing factor in our Parish and the Everett community. As students, we were not only held to high standards of academic excellence, but we also received a strong foundation in the tenets of our faith as well as ethical behavior.

Their devotion in guiding and administering to the educational and moral needs of their pupils is irrefutable. We, the alumni of the Immaculate Conception School in Everett, Massachusetts, extend our gratitude to the Sisters for their unselfish contribution to the students and the Parish. Their love for God, zeal for life, and self-sacrificing dedication to the formation of Christian souls has had a lasting effect. We say a prayerful and loving thanks to the Sisters. May God bless you.

History of the Immaculate Conception School Pin



The School pin is the coat of arms of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston: "The crowns represent those of the Three Kings who came to Bethlehem. Tradition states that the vessel bearing the relics of the Kings stopped on its way from the Orient to Cologne at the port of St. Botolph's town, England. Since **Boston, Massachusetts** was called St. Botolph's town originally, this gave rise to the use of the three crowns in the seal of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston.

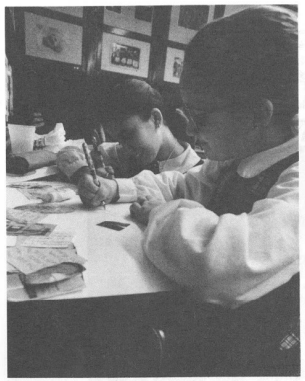
In the vase, a symbol of religious life, is a sheaf of Saint Joseph's lilies. The carpenter square represents the trade of Saint Joseph; the three nails in the angle of the square, the three vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience."
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Philosophy of the Immaculate Conception School

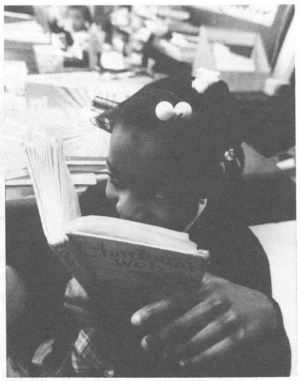
The Immaculate Conception School is a Catholic, parochial school, under the patronage and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is dedicated to the formation of Christian character, by teaching as Jesus did.

The goals of the school are to enable the students to:

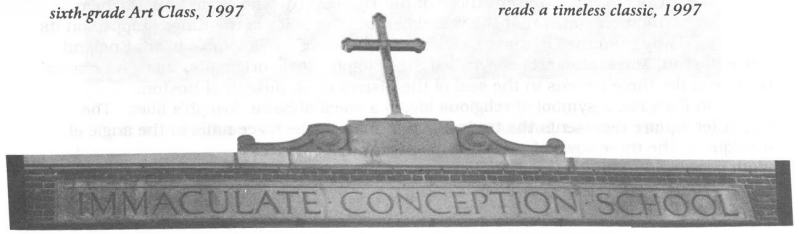
- Understand their own worth
- Grow in their relationship with God - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Be conscious of the social dimensions of membership in the Church
- Develop moral and spiritual values through following the example and teaching of Jesus
- Develop full academic potential through high quality, value-centered, academic instruction
- Experience prayer, the sacraments, and service to others *(ICS Handbook, 1996-97)*



Laura Pike and Adrianna Fisher in sixth-grade Art Class, 1997



Christina Laguerre, second-grade, reads a timeless classic, 1997

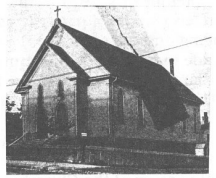


The Story of a Parish School

Prologue

We joyfully celebrate together, as alumni, past and present teachers, parents, and parishioners, the 75*th* Anniversary of the founding of the Immaculate Conception School in Everett. Throughout its history, the school has consistently provided quality education, dedicated religious instruction, moral and conscientious teaching, personal attention to students, and a secure feeling of community. During the past three-quarters of a century, the institution has attained a certain measure of distinction through the accomplishments of its graduates -- over 4,250 alumni. Hundreds have been successful in the fields of teaching, law, nursing, business, medicine, social work, and government service. So many, many more have become contributing and leading members in their communities and local churches. Many have brought their children up in the Christian formation. Dozens of graduates have been called to the religious vocations where they have served well God and His people.

In recent years, low enrollments and high costs have caused many Catholic schools to close. The school itself struggled for a while in the early 1970s. But through a committed faculty body, a strong Parents' Association, dedicated parishioners, and involved alumni, the school persevered. As we enter the 21*st* century, the Immaculate Conception School stands with a renewed energy and a bright direction as that "jewel in the community."



St. Mary's Church in Everett, circa 1893

The Founding Years of the Parish

On May 14, 1882, St. Mary's Church was dedicated by Archbishop Williams of Boston as the first Catholic church in Everett. The small church of wooden construction was considered a mission church. As Everett began to change from an agricultural community to an industrial town, with its population nearly tripling in size before 1900, the Archbishop designated St. Mary's as a parish church in 1885. He soon granted permission to build a new church of brick and mortar, appointing Reverend Joseph Mohan as its first Pastor.

Built on the site of the wooden church and designed by the eminent Irish architect Patrick W. Ford, the new Church of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception had its cornerstone laid in 1896, bearing the monogram I.C.M. in bold relief. The first Mass was celebrated on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1897. Finally completed in 1908, the Church became one of the finest ecclesiastical edifices in the state. On December 13 of that year, Archbishop O'Connell celebrated the dedication Mass. An excerpt from *The Boston Globe*, dated December 14, 1908, is as follows:

> The Church is a Gothic revival structure of water-struck red brick, with trimmings of longmeadow brownstone. The high altar, built of Italian statuary marble, is flanked on either side by side chapels. The mensa is 11 feet long and the frontal contains a sculptured panel, the subject of which is "The Last Supper." Stations of the Cross in rich tracery frames surround the walls of the auditorium, which can accommodate up to 1,000 people. Above the sanctuary are five pictures in oil painted by Kinkelin. The subjects from left to right are "The Annunciation," "The Wise Men Giving Offerings to the Baby Jesus," "The Last Supper," "The Ascension," and "The Assumption." Windows of

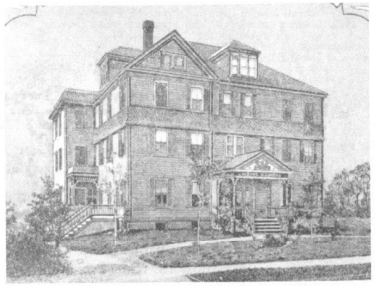
> painted antique glass of rich design adorn the Church. Over the altar in the sanctuary are five beautiful windows. The center one represents "Jesus on the Cross." Large clusters of electric lights on chandeliers of old brass illuminate the auditorium

It was during this time that Father Mohan purchased the YMCA building on Chelsea Street which was to become known as the "Parish Hall." In 1919, shortly after the end of World War I, Father Mohan began to raise funds for a parish school. The priest felt that there was an urgent need for a Catholic school in the city. This mirrored the feeling of Archbishop Williams, an early enthusiast for the cause of Catholic education. He wanted to build a system of parochial schools of a "high character." (Lord, et. al, 1944, p. 5) After Father Mohan's death in 1920, the second Pastor, Revered Joseph Fitzgerald, took over this important venture.

The First Years of the New School

In 1920 Cardinal O'Connell of Boston requested the Diocesan order of Sisters of St. Joseph to teach at the new school, knowing that the Sisters taught boys as well as girls. During that same year, through the generosity and sacrifices of the parishioners, the Home School at 51 Summer Street was purchased for use as a convent. This land, comprising about 40,000 square feet, held a private college preparatory school. The following is taken, in part, from the *Everett Souvenir, 1870-1893*:

> In 1888, a new and beautiful building of Queen Anne style was erected, which was first occupied September 18, 1889. This large, substantial, and convenient edifice, furnished with the modern conveniences, enjoys a singularly favorable location, the view taking in Boston, beautifully diversified by the waters of the Mystic and a glimpse of the sea. (page 59)



The Home School on Summer St, c. 1898

Established by Mrs. A.P. Potter and under the tutorship of Miss M.E. Fessenden until 1901, the Home School then became a hotel for young women until it was bought by the parish in 1920. The building was then remodeled as a convent school with six classrooms on the first two floors.

On August 31, 1921, the Chancery notified Father Fitzgerald that eight Sisters of St. Joseph would be moving into the old Home School, dedicated as St. Joseph's Convent. Over 150 first- and second-graders commenced classes on September 8, 1921 in the convent. The upper floors were used by the Sisters as living quarters while the first two floors were used as classrooms. A small chapel with Stations of the Cross was constructed within the building. The first principal was Sister Mary Magdalen. Grades 1 were taught by Sisters Irma and Margaret Louise; Grades 2 by Sisters William Francis and Rose Angela. The first music teacher was Sister Stella Vincent (who was replaced by Sister Agnetta in 1922). Sister St. Luke was the cook and Sister Cecelia was the senior Sister.

According to the September 9, 1921 issue of *The Everett Gazette*, a flag-raising on the grounds of the new school was held on Sunday, September 12, 1921. This celebration "con-sisted of patriotic addresses, choral singing and the pledge to the flag. The Boys' Brigade in full force and drum corps and brass band participated." (page 1)

The school's earliest philosophy is the very same as today, dedicated to the formation of Christian character by teaching as Jesus did, in order to fulfill the educational mission of the Church. On June 24, 1922, Sister Mary Magdalen left the

school after an appointment to the position of Mistress of Novices for the C.S.J. Sister Mary Simplicia became the second principal (later on to become Reverend Mother Mary Simplicia of the C.S.J. Novitiate from 1934-1946).



Sister M. Simplicia, CSJ, Principal, 1922-25

By 1922 the designs had been completed for the new 16-room structure with one-half basement. The architectural style was that of neo-classical revival, characteristic of the institutional buildings erected during the post- World War I era. The construction cost nearly $200,000. Finally, on September 10, 1923, the Immaculate Conception School (ICS) officially opened with four grades, one through four. Above the front entrance to the school lies the coat of arms of the religious leader of Boston at that time, His Eminence William Henry Cardinal O'Connell. According to Brassard (1956), the shield is described (blazoned) in 12*th* century terms:

> Latin cross couped and in base, a mount of three coupeaux; a stag . . . between three trefoils of the field. The motto underneath the shield reads inLatin *"Vigor in arduis"* or *"Strength in difficulties."*



The official school motto, as adopted by the Catholic Education Association in 1918 for every parochial school, became *"For God and Country"* (Veverka, 1988). For decades to come, the nuns would tell their students that the building, as seen from an aerial view, was designed in the shape of the letter *"I"* for "Immaculate."

Father Fitzgerald died after three years as Pastor. In 1923, Reverend Patrick Riley then was appointed Pastor. He quickly renovated St. Joseph's Convent due to the influx of nuns residing there. At a cost of $10,000, the lower portion of the building was converted to living quarters and the upper portion for sleeping quarters. The small chapel was enlarged at this time. Sister M. Perpetua was appointed the third principal in August of 1925.

According to Joseph Curnane *'28*, the first class progressed through the school one grade each academic year as other lower classes were added. In the Fall of 1927, the school was finally complete with two classrooms each of grades 1 through 8. Mr. Curnane remembers that the classes were segregated by gender for the entire 8 years - one class for girls and one for boys - a practice that would continue for decades. Seventeen nuns were housed at the convent at that time. Sisters Adrian Marie and Mary Methodia, the two eighth-grade teachers, began to prepare the first graduates of Immaculate Conception School.

On June 17, 1928, the first graduation consisted of 30 boys and 38 girls. The following paragraph is taken from the *Immaculate Conception Church Centennial Booklet*:

> Exercises took place on a Sunday after the 10:00 AM Mass. Father Hartigan [then a young curate at the parish] celebrated the Mass and preached the sermon. He spoke of the fidelity that youth should have for the ideals of Catholic education. Father Flynn, the acting pastor, also addressed the congregation. He urged the graduates to be faithful to their responsibilities as exemplars of Catholic education. Father Flynn gave the Benediction assisted by Fathers Hartigan and Hickey.

During that same year, after a brief postulate, Father Riley died. Father Thomas McCormack succeeded him. Elevated to the rank of Monsignor in 1939, Father McCormack served at IC for twenty-five years until 1953.

The Early Decades: 1930-1959

The school quickly became known for its rigorous course of academic study; character formation through the integration of values such as caring, honesty, respect, and empathy; order and strict discipline; and the spiritual growth in each student's relationship with God. Religion, a central strand woven throughout the curriculum, served as a foundation for each student's learning. Religious studies at ICS has always had a particular focus for each grade level. This same concept, which began in 1921, continues to this very day in 1997:

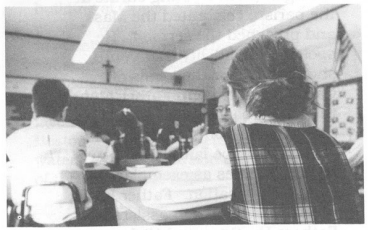
Grade 1: The Trinity: Students learn the awareness of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Grade 2: The Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist: Students learn the basic concepts and practices of these sacraments.

Grade 3: The Creed: At this level, they gain a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus.

Grade 4: The Commandments: The fourth-graders become aware of a moral and ethical response through living the Commandments.

Grade 5: The Sacraments: During the fifth year, the children gain a deeper awareness of the sacraments and how they are celebrated. They also pay special attention to Mary our Virgin Mother.



"For God and Country"

Grade 6: The Scripture: Students understand and appreciate the Bible and teachings.

Grades 7 & 8: The Study of Basic Catholic Beliefs: The junior high students receive an in-depth doctrinal review in preparation for Confirmation as well as a review of the essentials of the Catholic faith. They also learn about the Person, Jesus.



Rita Eaton '40 and Esther Williams Fee '40 at Confirmation, 1939

During the 1920s, many rituals and traditions began at ICS, some of them lasting for decades. Anne O'Brien Gibbons *'35* recalled the 7 cents charge per week for supplies, including a 2 cent charge for "elocution": public speaking lessons taught by Sisters from Mt. St. Joseph Academy. She remembered the annual and beautiful May Processions that began from the school, up Hampshire Street, to Broadway and ended at the Church. Anne was the May Queen in 1935, a cherished position which was chosen by the Sisters (and later by peers). The May Queen, dressed in a long white dress with a veil to represent purity, crowned the statue of the Blessed Virgin as the rest of the student body prayed and sang Marian hymns. Sister Mary Carl, C.S.J. recalled teaching 42 fourth-grade boys in the Fall of 1931! Sister recollected the class trips to Camp Cedar Crest at Green Harbor. "The students were wonderful at the school. I loved my time at

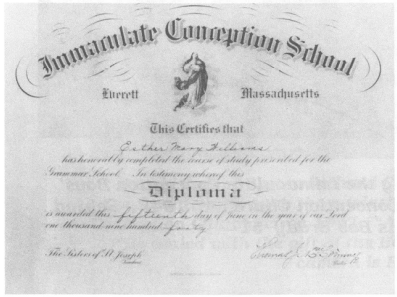
ICS," said Sister Carl during a recent interview.

Art courses were emphasized at ICS. Elizabeth Dennis Gallant *'39* noted that special sewing classes were taught for upper grade girls. As was since 1921, the students walked home to lunch every day at 12:00 and walked back to school at 1:00, even during the winter! No uniforms were worn during this time, although the boys did wear ties and the girls wore dresses with long stockings.



Mary and Margaret Gaudet '48 (foreground) with angel's wings, May Procession, 1939

Holy seasons and religious days of obligation were always recognized and sometimes rewarded. Elizabeth Gallant remarked that students who attended Mass during First Fridays were served hot chocolate in the basement Music Room after Mass by the nuns. She also recalled reciting the Rosary every day during the month of May in the Parish Hall.


Immaculate Conception School

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This Certifies that

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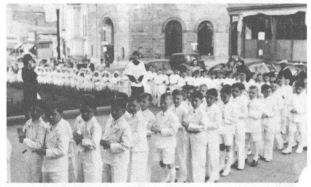
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The Sisters of St. Joseph

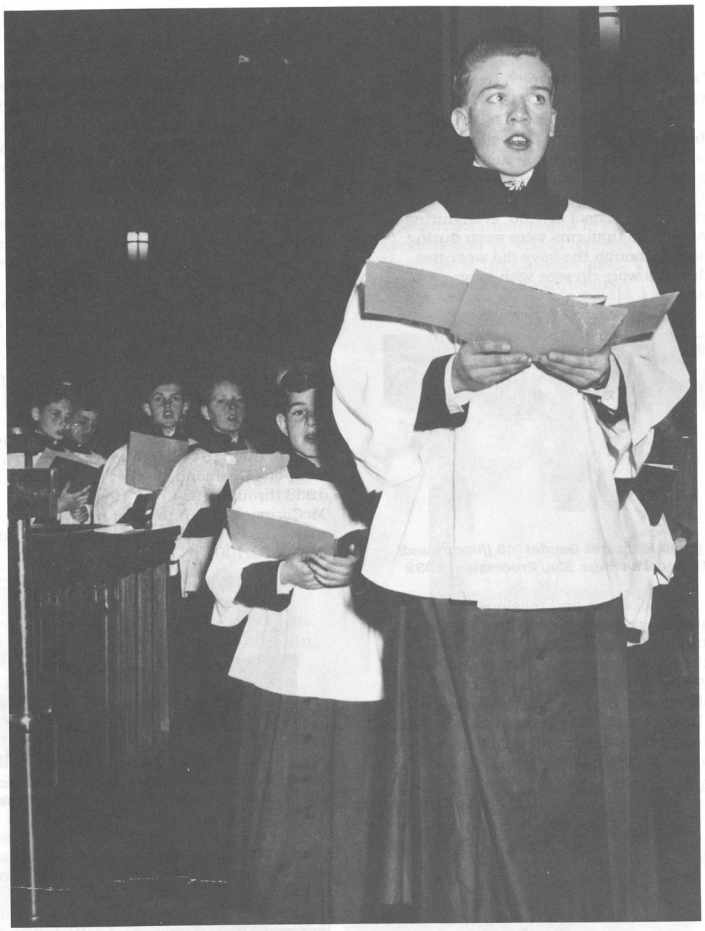
Diploma belonging to Esther Williams Fee, '40

By the mid-30s, there were 20 Sisters missioned at St. Joseph's Convent. Sister Mary Florence served as principal from 1931-37 (later to serve as principal at St. Joseph's in Amesbury from 1943-48). Sister Mary Florence was the first to initiate "paper drives" as a source of fund-raising for the school. Sister Agnes Redempta succeeded Sister Florence from 1937 until 1943. Esther Williams Fee *'40* lovingly remembered several nuns, including Sr. Judith and Sr. St. Mildred, and especially Sr. George, whom she would visit many years later dressed in her wedding gown on the day of her marriage! One of her classmates, Frank Desmond *'40*, recalled that the children marched out of the building at the end of the school day with the sound of a piano played by one of the Sisters. (Mr. and Mrs. Desmond were to later send each of their 15 children to ICS, having at least one Desmond child at the school from 1958 through 1984.) In 1939 Monsignor McCormack began the first renovations and major repairs in the school since 1923, at a cost of $2,100.



Students receiving First-Holy Communion enter the Church during the Processional, 1944

Music has always been regarded as an important and integrated component of both the curriculum and rituals at Immaculate Conception, affectionately called by some "the Sisters' School." Both Father Francis Strahan *'47* and Robert Brady *'51* remembered the *Immaculate Conception Boys' Choir* that sang so beautifully at Christmastime, Easter, and at Sunday Masses. They recall in particular Sister Rosemary directing the choir from 1945-1949. Many music teachers were specifically assigned to the school from 1921-1959, giving children music instruction and



Francis Strahan '47 leading the Immaculate Conception Boys' Choir into the Immaculate Conception Church, c. 1946. Behind Francis is Bob Brady '51



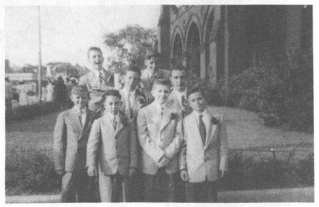
Archbishop of Boston Richard Cushing conferring the sacrament of Confirmation through the anointing with sacred chrism at Immaculate Conception Church, circa 1947. "Accipe signaculum doni Spiritus Santi." ("Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit"). The altar boy facing the camera is Roger Brady '46

instilling a sense of music appreciation. For decades, one of the highlights of the academic year was the annual Christmas play held the Parish Hall. Each class produced a musical "show" for fellow students, parents, teachers, and parishioners. Over the years, many IC alumni of high school age were active in the *Catholic Youth Organization (C.Y.O.)* of the Immaculate Conception Church. The *C.Y.O.* held several athletic, social, and musical events, including the C.Y.O. Minstrel Shows. Dozens of students were involved with the *IC Band*, a competitive marching band which held many divisional championships from 1953-1980. The *IC Band* was known for its distinct musical refrains and its familiar logo of the symbol of the cross over the letter *"M."* During various shows and parades, the band was often accompanied by the *IC Marians Drill Team.* Julie Coogan Goodness *'56* recalled that inside St. Joseph's Convent she took private piano lessons from the music teacher. (During the 1996-97 academic year, Ms. Marilyn Bao continued this great musical heritage as the current music teacher).



The First Holy Communion Recessional at the Immaculate Conception Church, 1944

As hisory as proven, great wars can change the world in ways one never imagined. During the early '40s, many mothers working at home were forced to leave the house in order to get paying jobs. It was during these years that many students no longer walked home for lunch but rather ate in the lunchroom on the lower level. The students, eager to contribute to the cause, helped tremendously with the "paper drives" during the World War II years. By the mid-40s, the blending of the genders in the classrooms finally began, combining both boys and girls in one class! Sister St. Thomas led the School as principal from 1943 until 1946, replaced by Sister M. Iranaeus.



A group of boys at graduation exercises, Immaculate Conception Church, June, 1947

During several recent interviews, Sister Merona, who taught 42 second-grade girls from 1939-41, recalled that the "children were wonderful and the parents were great to work with." Sister Ernestus, who taught from 1936-47, recollected "full classes....all girls.....did their homework and behaved beautifully.....dull!" After the mixed classes Sister found the work "challenging and fun!"

Since 1928 the vast majority of graduating students were accepted (and attended) both local and central Catholic high schools in the area, including Boston College High, Malden Catholic, Girls' Catholic, Cheverus High, Dom Savio, Mount St. Joseph, Cathedral, Matignon, Julie Billiard, St. Mary's in Cambridge and St. John's Prep in Danvers. Several of these students won full four-year scholarships to those schools. (This still holds true today as 80% of the students from the Class of 1997 are now enrolled in some of these same Catholic schools, many receiving scholarships.)



Sister Gabriellus, CSJ guides children down Broadway during the May Procession, 1951

By 1952 the first of the "baby boomers" were entering the first grade. Enrollments began to swell, especially with "out-of-parish" families sending their children to ICS. The infamous "lines 1,2,3, and 4" began in order to send the children off in the right direction at the end of the school day. The Class of 1955 held its graduation on June 12 of that year with 67 graduates. Uniforms were instituted at the end of the decade--girls wore a plain blue jumper and boys wore a blue tie--blue for the color of Mary. Sister M. Maureen served as principal from 1952 until 1958.

In March of 1953 Monsignor McCormack died in his sleep. Father Hartigan was then named Pastor by Archbishop Richard Cushing. During the same year, 20 nuns resided at St. Joseph's Convent, including 16 homeroom teachers, a music teacher, the principal, the cook, and the laundress. In 1957 Father Hartigan was elevated by Pope Pius XII to the position of Right Reverend Monsignor. Sister M. Evelyn, a former faculty member at St. Joseph's College (Novitiate), became principal in 1958 for her six-year tenure. The decade of peace and prosperity continued at ICS until the tumultuous 1960s.



The May Queen crowns the statue of the Blessed Mother, Immaculate Conception Church, May, 1959

The Later Decades: 1960-1989

It was almost an idealistic setting at this parish school during the early sixties. Enrollment crested during this time, totaling to almost 600 students. Seventeen nuns lived at the 75-year-old convent, in which major renovations took place in 1963.

Our most popular Pope in recent times, Pope John XXIII, was the head of a strong Catholic Church. Our first Catholic President, John F. Kennedy, was leading the country. Sadly, by the end of 1963, both men had died.



St. Joseph's Convent on Summer St., c. 1963

Socially, culturally, politically, and religiously, the country began changing at a bewildering speed. The years following the closing of Vatican Council II in 1965 revealed a time of dramatic alteration in the traditional patterns of religious life. The Catholic Church issued many historic resolutions on religious freedom. Relaxed religious mores and customs began taking hold. Some nuns changed their traditional habit for a modified dress. The school held on tight to valued ways as long as it could.



Marilou Favata Cummings '62 (left lower corner) marches with the IC Marians Drill Team, 1962

During the 1959-60 school year, the first lay teacher, Miss Kathleen Philbin *'51*, taught the fourth grade. With a decrease in Sisters being missioned at ICS, many more qualified lay teachers followed. Sister M. Luella was appointed principal in 1964 and served until 1970. In September of 1968, Sister Jeanne Marie began teaching first grade, a dedicated commitment that continues to this very day! The girls' uniform

changed to a plaid style in 1968. The class of 1969 graduated on June 13 of that year with 80 students.

In January of 1970 Monsignor Hartigan retired and was succeeded by Father Sheehan as Pastor. By then, the English language had replaced the Latin Mass. Liturgical changes continued in the Church, such as Saturday afternoon Mass and "folk" Masses.

A decrease in religious vocations, retirement of elderly nuns, and new patterns of religious commitments caused a drop in the number of nuns available to teach. Gone were the serge, the linen habits, and the veils. The Sisters were no longer secluded to dress or place of residence, or even religious name. By 1972 only 12 nuns resided at the convent, causing an increase in the number of laity as teachers, and therefore an increase in fiscal constraints. In December of 1972, the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph made an announcement to withdraw from 24 parochial schools in their charge. They could best serve the remaining 43 elementary and 6 secondary schools by pooling human resources. It was obvious to all that an evolutionary transformation was taking place within all Catholic schools.

At this time, the fundamental aim and mission of ICS was re-examined, both at the Diocesan and parish levels. After sufficient argument, in 1973, Father Sheehan determined the essential worth of ICS as a parochial school. He then worked closely with the principal Sister Mary Myles (1970-1976) in strengthening the foundation in which students were able to grow and develop academically, morally, and physically. Aesthetically, the school was remodeled and renovated with new classroom furniture, fresh paint, wall-to-wall carpeting, fluorescent lights, new lavatories, water coolers, and a new fire alarm system. Culturally, a completely furnished library was instituted in one of the second-grade classrooms. A visual aid room became equipped with an overhead projector, screen slides, tapes, and other resources. Physical education and field trips were introduced, as well as a hot lunch program, provided by the city of Everett at low cost. Academically, the school renewed its commitment to excellence in teaching, with an emphasis on "the three R's" as well as music, art, and religious studies.

Several other changes were also initiated. The ICS Parents' Association was formed in 1973 for the purpose of raising funds to subsidize the institution's budget, to give moral and physical support to the faculty, to aid in student social activities and functions, and to promote better acquaintance among parents. Father Sheehan also introduced a tuition charge for all students so as to cover some of the operational costs. In order to make room for the library and AV room, each grade was reduced from two to only one classroom, beginning with the lower grades at first. Enrollment in 1974 had dropped to 318 students.

In September of 1976, Sister Margaret Anne Roache (Sister Bertille), former Superior at St. John's in Winthrop and St. Pius in Lynn, became principal. Father Sheehan retired in 1977 and was succeeded by Father Sviokla as Pastor of the Church. One of Father Sviokla's first accomplishments was the creation of a Religious Education Office in the school. Ms. Veronica Callahan, M.Ed., was its first director from 1978-1987. According to the *Immaculate Conception Church Centennial Booklet* (1985):

> The Religious Education Office has evolved into a center of stimulation for teacher and student guidance, resources and teacher enrichment, liturgical and para-liturgical experience, sacramental programs, and extra-curricular opportunities.



Immaculate Conception School Basketball Team, 1988

During the 1977-78 school year, 294 students were enrolled, 200 within parish, 89 outside-of-parish, and 5 non-Catholics. The Class of 1978 graduated with 56 students.

The School Advisory Board was established in September of 1978. This board continues to function as an advisory resource and support system to the Pastor and Principal with regards to policy-making and financial planning. The members are comprised of parents, alumni, professional people, and parishioners.

On March 4, 1979, Sister Margaret Anne Roache, Principal, died suddenly. She was replaced in September 1979 by Sister Clair Mahan, O.P., the first religious not of the Congregation of St. Joseph. During the late seventies and early eighties, the third-grade classroom was used to accommodate the Office of Religious Education. The school determined an educational need for a kindergarten class to be added, which was undertaken in 1981. In 1983 a computer was purchased and was added to the typing room for use in grades 7 and 8. At the same time, Sister Clair made the decision to limit class size to between 25-30 in order for more individual attention to be paid to each student. To further develop each student's emotional and social, as well as academic well-being, a part-time counselor was added to the faculty. By 1986 enrollment totaled 309 students, about half of what it was in 1966. Faculty was comprised of 7 religious, 10 laity, and 1 Director of Religious Education. By 1988, enrollment had dropped to 238 students.

The Parents' Association began to become more involved in such activities as lunch duty, educational trips, room mothers, and hosts of school functions. The *ICS Handbook* was first printed during this time as an attempt to foster better communication among faculty/parents/students. The handbook, updated annually, covers such topics as curriculum, admission policies, student evaluations, rules, and tuition charges. By 1985 tuition had risen to $575.00 and out-of-parish tuition had risen to $1,215 for one child. During that same year, the Parish Church cele-brated its Centennial.

St. Joseph's Convent, by then a 98-year- old structure in severe disrepair, was demolished in 1986 to make room for the new parish center. The seven nuns were moved to a house further down on Summer Street. (The current convent is directly across from the school at 58 Summer Street). The new Immaculate Conception "Parish Center" was dedicated on November 6, 1988.



Sean Cummings '89 in an original IC band uniform during the last CYO show produced at the Old Parish Hall, 1986

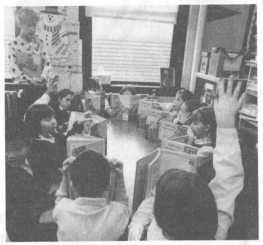
1990-Present

In September of 1989 Ms. Veronica Callahan, M.Ed., a graduate of Regis College, was appointed the fourteenth principal of the school and its first lay leader. With a strong background in teaching, school administration, and religious education, she was the logical choice to lead ICS into the next century. During Ms. Callahan's early tenure, the physical plant was vastly improved. These improvements, planned under the leadership of Sister Clair Mahan, included the installation of new windows, roof, lighting, and a change in the heating system to gas heat. A fourth-grade classroom was renovated in order to be utilized as the Principal's Office (since a larger space was needed to make room for the full-time secretary who joined the school staff). In 1991 the eighth-grade classrooms were reduced to only one classroom and the two seventh grades were reduced in 1993. The student uniform changed again in 1992:

junior high girls now wear a plaid skirt and a blue vest; boys wear navy blue pants with a blue shirt and dark tie.

During the Archdiocesan School evaluation process in 1991-92, Ms. Callahan and staff, as directed, completed their self-study and school improvement plan. The school received its full ten-year accreditation renewal in January of 1993. Each year since that time, spiritual and academic goals, based on the philosophy of ICS, are evaluated. The accomplishment of these goals is monitored and evaluated throughout the year.

Two hundred and forty-one students were enrolled during the 1996-97 school year.

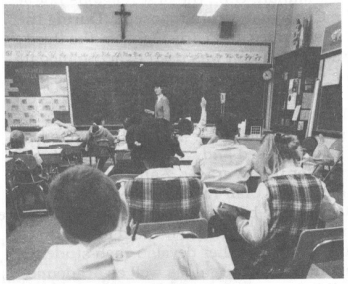


Second-graders respond to Ms. Whelton's question during Reading class, 1997

Faculty included 10 full-time and 5 part-time teachers, 1 librarian, and 1 Director of Religious Education. This includes the two Sisters of St. Joseph who are still at the school. Graduation exercises were held at the Church of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in June of this year, at which time 22 members of the school's 70*th* graduating class, the Class of 1997, received their diplomas.

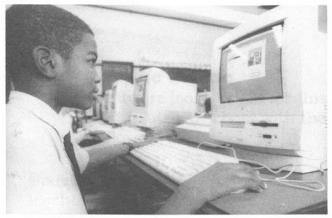


Vincent DiGiacomo '97 in Social Studies, 1997



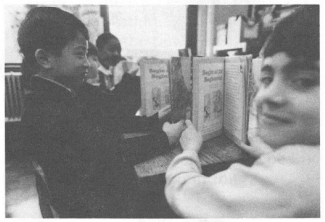
Fifth-grade teacher Lisa Mahoney teaches a Geography lesson, 1997

The Parish Center is now used for arts and crafts, Title I math and reading classes, school assemblies and plays. Physical and health education helps to develop the students' motor skills, coordination, as well as good sportsmanship, teamwork, and cooperation. Gym classes are held in the Parish Hall. The last component added to the fully-integrated curriculum was computer education. State-of-the-art computers now line the Computer Room for students' use and practice, made possible through the coordinated fund-raising efforts of both the Alumni and Parents' Associations.



Joanel Micelin, Class of 2000, in Computer Education Lab, 1997

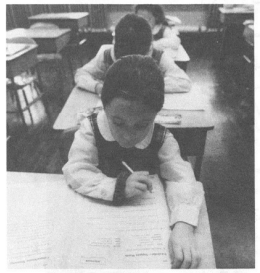
Changing urban demographics came relatively late to the city of Everett. There is now a considerable ethnic mix at ICS--a full 20% of students are classified as non-white. African-American, Haitian, Hispanic, and Asian children now walk the halls of ICS. This, of course, not only leads to a greater understanding of ecumenism for the students but to a more thorough study of various cultures and history, as presented by the social studies curriculum.



Second-graders Linh Van, Michelle Moore, Whitney Prospere, and Tyler Crocker in Reading Class, 1997

Despite the passage of time, some traditions still hold true at ICS in 1997. Dedicated lay faculty continue to provide an outstanding academic environment. Music and art are emphasized within the curriculum, as is language arts, math, science, and social studies. Report cards are dutifully handed out every quarter. The schoolyard echoes with the sound of happy children's voices at lunchtime. The school's strict disciplinary code is still enforced, thereby instilling the values of obedience, integrity, charity, and social responsibility. The children and families are now encouraged to attend Family Mass on Sunday. The Marian Celebration, formerly the May Procession, is now a communal and family devotion to Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the School. Graduation is annually held at the Church, as was in 1928 when the first class graduated. As in the past, students leave this academic institution with high educational aspirations.

More importantly, the program of Religious Studies still includes the components of prayer, scripture, liturgy, and doctrine. Each homeroom teacher, certified in religious education, teaches religion every day. Daily prayer is said. Students participate in regularly scheduled small group liturgies as well as seasonal communal prayer services. Perhaps one of the greatest changes in philosophy, caused in part by Vatican II, is the emphasis on a personal response to peace and social justice issues, and ethical and human sexuality issues as well. Students are now given various opportunities to bring about God's presence by becoming involved in community and charity events, such as Walk for Hunger, local food pantries, visitation of the elderly in day care, and other activities. Teachers now encourage their students to reflect on the personal life of Christ, at the same time the children reflect upon their own lives -- in the context of questions about spirituality, morality, and service to others.



Second-grader Jennifer Hurley in Language Arts class, 1997

THE CLASS OF 1997
THE SCHOOL'S 70TH GRADUATING CLASS



The Future

The future looks bright for this distinguished school with the following goals:

- Updating of academic goal-setting, teaching strategies, and various curriculum offerings.
- Expansion of teaching resources, assessment tools, and an advanced computer education.
- Revision of the complete library for all grade levels.
- An emphasis on conflict resolution and multi-cultural appreciation among students.
- Attainment of a stable enrollment at all grade levels.
- The initiation, development, and maintenance of an *endowment fund by the Alumni Association*, not only to make a significant gift to the school but to assist in the continued financial viability of the institution.

As we enter the new millennium, the Immaculate Conception School will go on to serve as an instrument of Catholic education for children, developing the whole Christian person and character by teaching as Jesus did. With a renewed force and a brighter vision, the school will continue to be known as that "jewel in the community."

Epilogue

If you would walk through the hallowed hallways of Immaculate Conception School today, you would experience a sentiment of sweet nostalgia. There is a feeling of sameness; yet you would also sense a seemingly different environment then years past. The less rigid atmosphere creates a warm and welcoming feeling. The classes are much smaller and more personal and there is a greater emphasis on a communal school organization. Family dynamics have been rapidly altered. Children of color and non-Catholics as well now enter the school's front door underneath the coat of arms of His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell. Nevertheless, the learning structure today is as truly well-rounded as has been for the past 75 years; intellectual, moral, spiritual, and physical capacities are developed harmoniously. As alumni, parishoners, and friends, we look back with reverence, gratitude, and happiness at this school's noble past. May our continued loyalty and devotion preserve the mission, philosophy, and heritage of the Immaculate Conception School in Everett.

We, the 75*th* Anniversary Committee, hope you have enjoyed this memory, ***"The Story of a Parish School - Immaculate Conception."***



A group of students at the front door of the school, 1997

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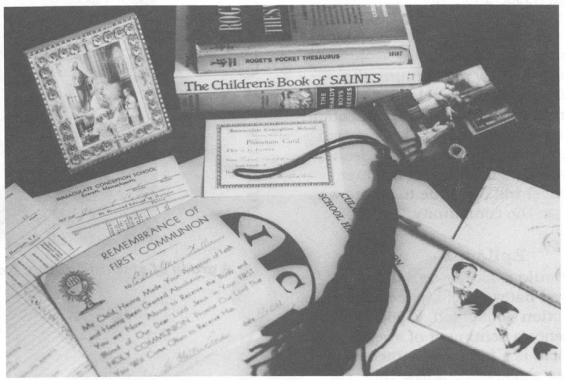
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Do You Remember . . . ???

.... the Pastor handing out report cards?
.... the famous paper drives during the years of World War II?
.... the Church bazaars at the old Parish Hall?
.... class trips to Camp Cedar Crest, La Sallette, the zoo, and others?
.... the boys hearing "pep talks" from Father O'Neill?
.... the annual Christmas shows put on by every class down at the Parish Hall?
.... the distinction of being asked to perform "cross guard" duty?
.... forming into "lines 1,2, 3, and 4" at the end of the school day?
.... being in absolute awe of the nuns as a first- and second-grader?
.... separate entrances for boys on Clinton Street and girls on Summer Street?
.... the sound of the "clickers" to remind us when to genuflect, kneel, stand, and sit?
.... having an innate fear of rulers as an adult or a phobia of one touching your earlobe?
.... the "perks" of being an altar boy, e.g., getting out of class; donuts;, and more?
.... "Children, I would like your undivided attention.....NOW!"
.... being an eighth-grade monitor during lunch time? "Milk boy" duty?
.... attending Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent?
.... marching out of school every day to the sound of piano?
.... the IC Band's repertoire from *"Notre Dame Victory March"* to *"For Boston?"*
.... gathering in the hall at ICS for group liturgies and singing *"Salve Regina?"*
.... the view of Boston & the Bridge from the 5*th* grade classroom windows *(daydreaming*
.... the glorious May Processions and the crowning of the statue of the Virgin Mary?
.... the nuns selling candy in the afternoon?
.... the dreaded fear of being called into the Principal's Office?
.... the trek down Argyle Street to Mansfield Street to the Church for First Fridays?
.... *"O' Mary, we crown Thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May?"*
.... the friendliness and joviality of Mr. Cahill, the school janitor?
.... "But Sister, it wasn't me, I didn't do it, I really didn't, Sister !!"
.... writing on the "blackboard" when it was actually green in color?
.... the constant drilling and drilling of *the "palmar" method in Penmanship?*
.... the large and beautiful chestnut tree in the schoolyard?
.... the *IC Choir Boys*, the *Conquistadors Drum & Bugle Corps*, the *CYO*, the *IC Band*?
.... receiving your "promotion card" in June (as well as receiving relief??)
.... the *Baltimore Catechism* and its 499 questions and answers, e.g., *"Why did God make us?"*
.... the strict discipline, the "looks," and yet loving support from the nuns?
.... becoming a soldier of Christ at Confirmation and choosing a "second" Saint's name?
.... the cherished position and singular honor of being named the "May Queen?"
.... the ink wells and blotters at the upper corner of the desks?
.... the long poles to open the very high windows? Fire drill practice?
.... singing the Mass in Gregorian Chant at the Holy Cross Cathedral?
.... learning and singing various cheers in the girls' section of the schoolyard?
.... Holy cards given as a reward for a good paper or an excellent grade?
.... having Sisters Joan in 6*th* grade, Jeanne Marie in 1*st* grade, & Irene Goode in 2*nd* grade??
.... The distinction of being called an Immaculate Conception School graduate!!!!!!!!!

A SHEAF OF LISTS

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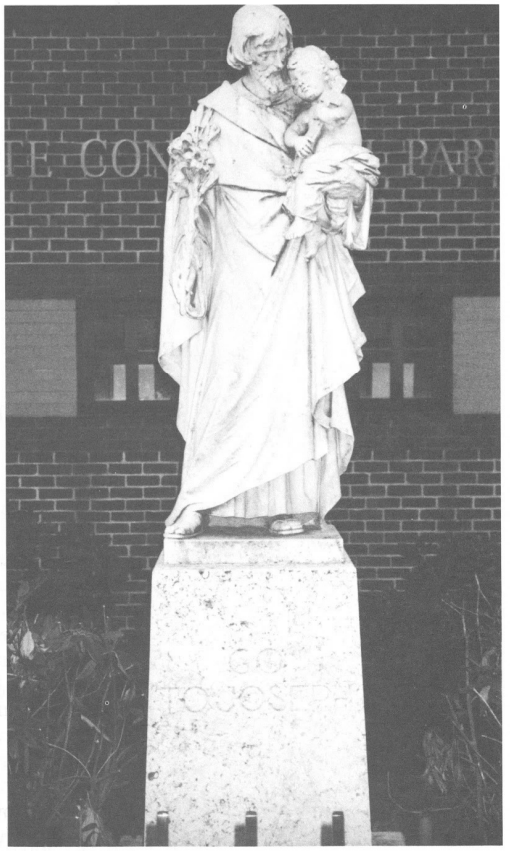
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Sr. St. Basil+	1927-1939
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Sr. Ernesta+	1928-1938
Sr. Dionysia	1929-1931
Sr. Brigitta	1931-1932,34-44
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Sr. Mary Florence+	1931-1937
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Sr. Mary Carl	1931-1943
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Sr. Generosa	1933-1943
Sr. Alberto	1934-1937
Sr. Greta	1934-1942
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Sr. Carmelina	1935-1946
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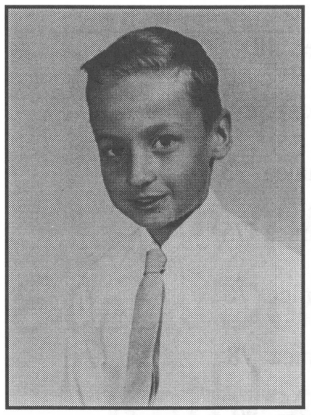
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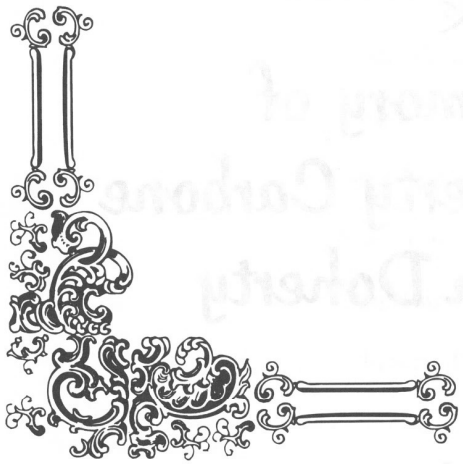
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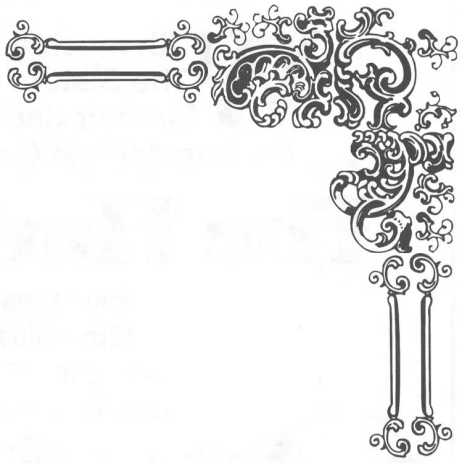


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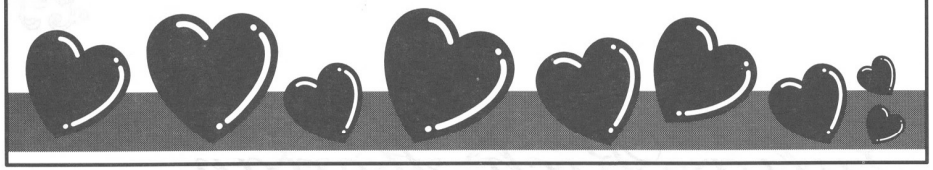
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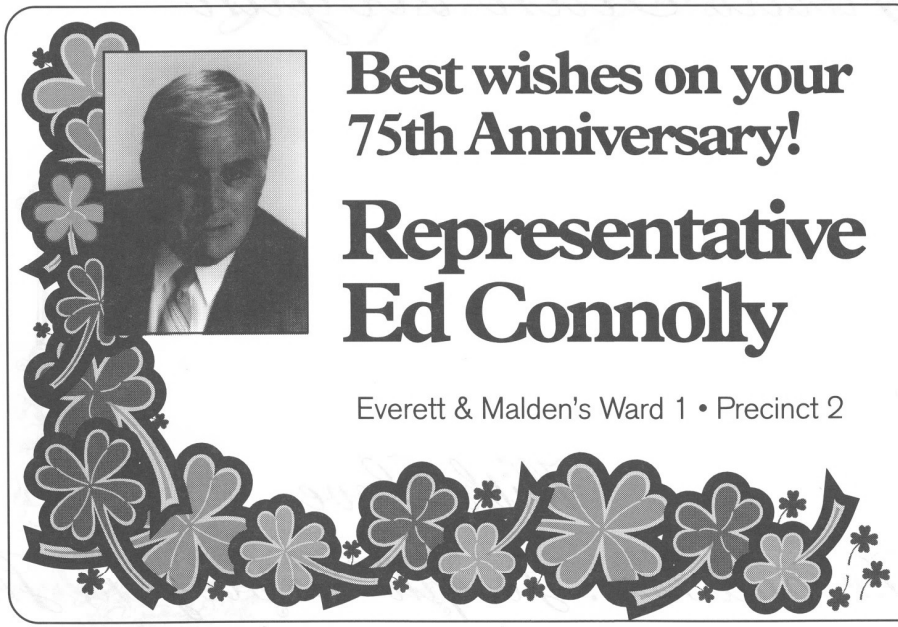
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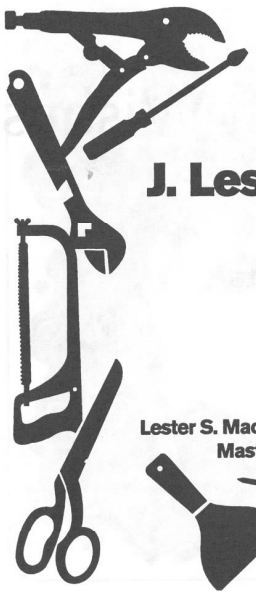


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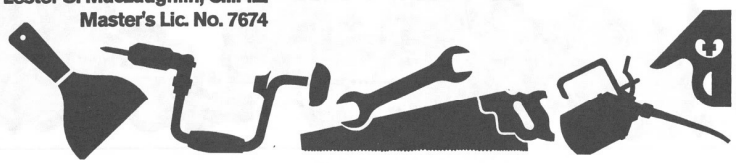
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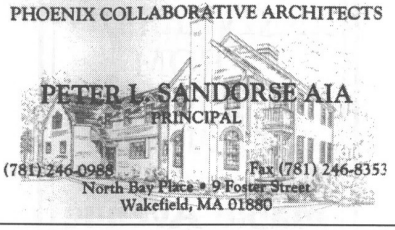
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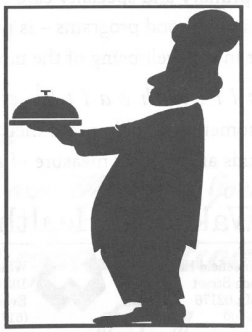
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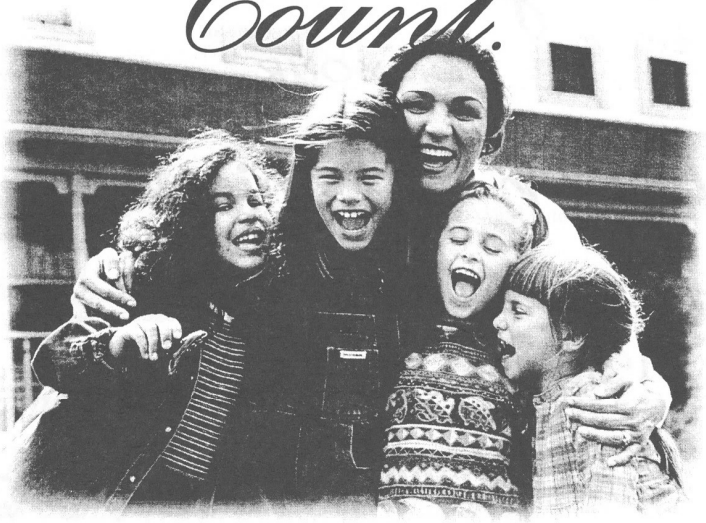
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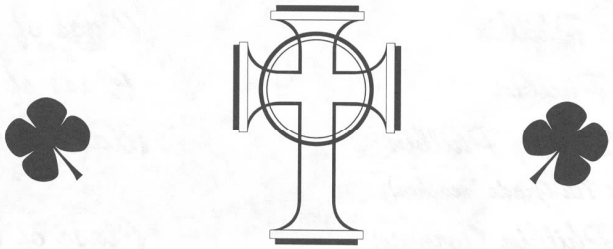
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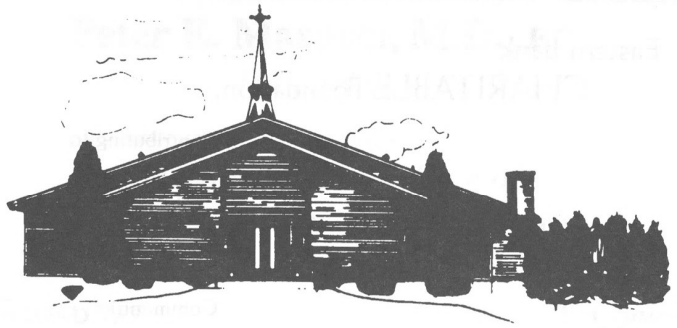
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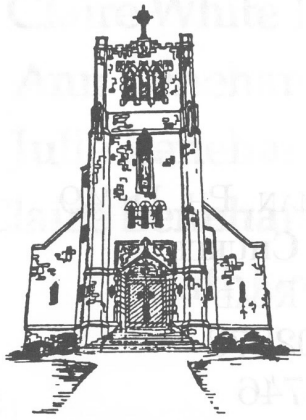
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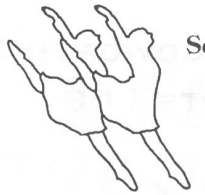
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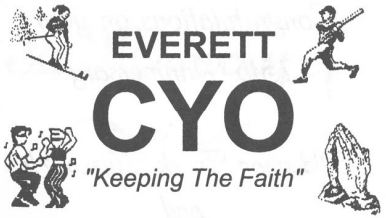
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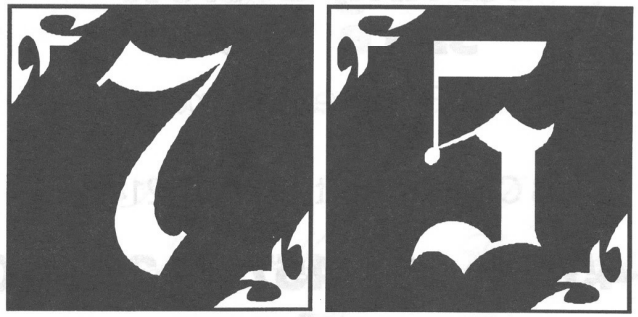
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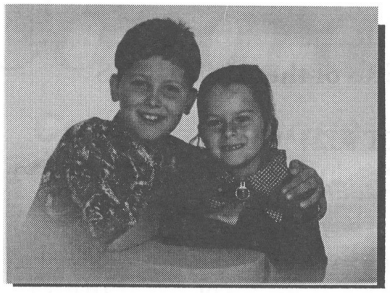
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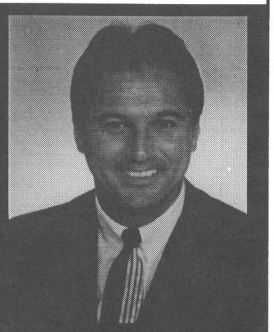


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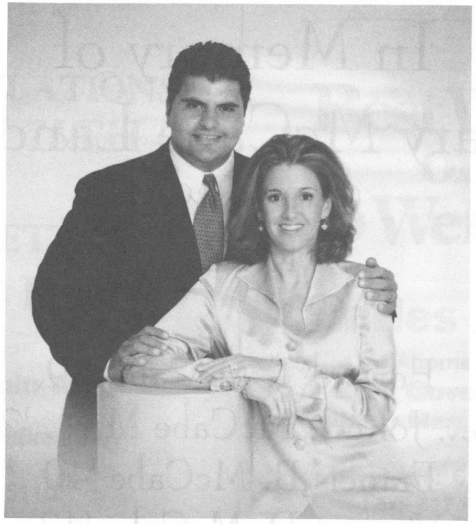
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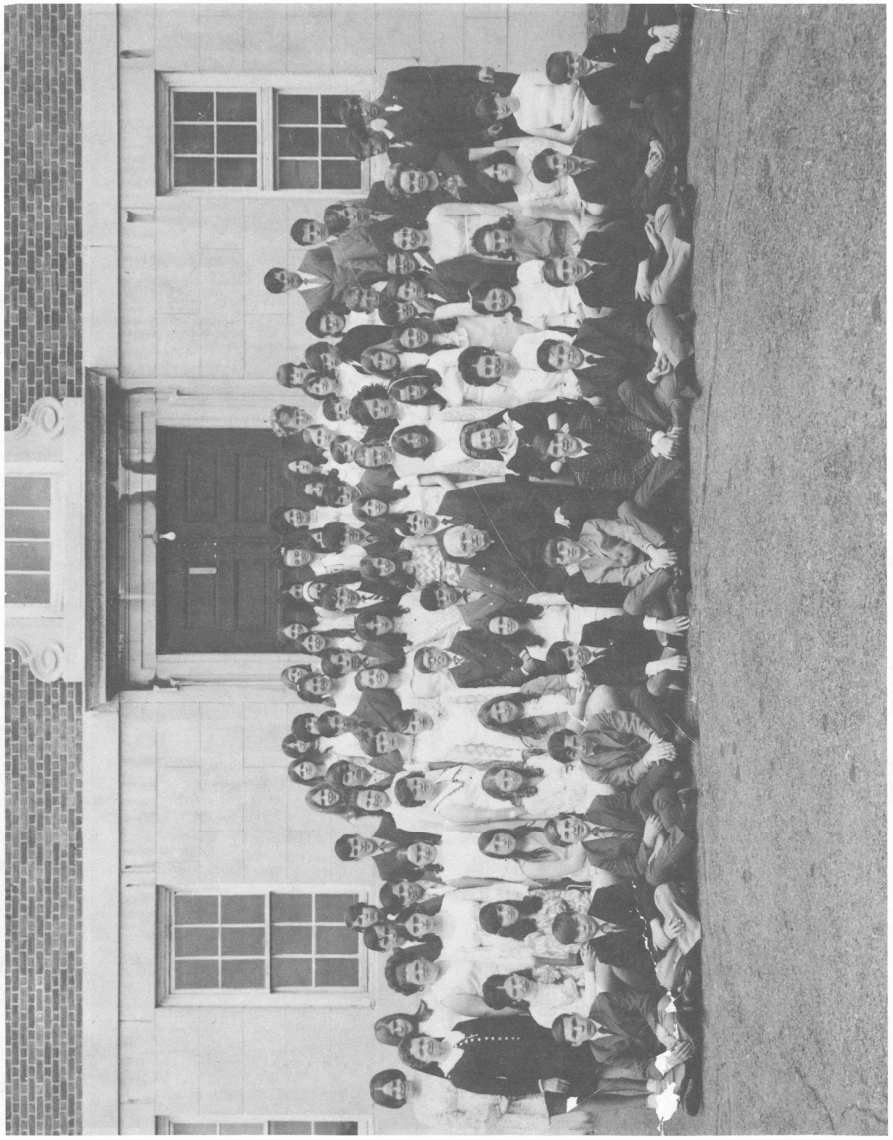
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To insure that another 4,250 students benefit from the quality education provided by our school, we are continuing our **Annual Fund Drive**. The goal of this endowment fund is to help defray the increasing costs of education while keeping the tuition within the reach of all who wish to study at the Immaculate Conception. Join the tradition of support and dedication offered by generations of families associated with ICS during the past 75 years! Only then will the school be able to continue to spread the "Goods News of Catholic Education." **Please support our Annual Fund.**

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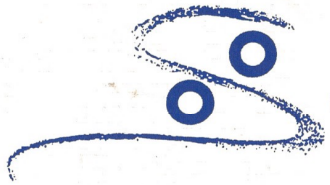
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